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#### **WSF crews begin sea trials and training on the Chetzemoka**

The Chetzemoka has been undergoing operational and safety enhancements at our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility since we accepted delivery of the vessel last Wednesday, Sept. 15. The Chetzemoka had its first WSF-crewed sea trial on Puget Sound yesterday afternoon. The vessel is scheduled to continue trials, training and dock landings in Puget Sound for the next several weeks.

#### **Green Pacific Conference**

On Tuesday I attended the Green Pacific Conference in Seattle. The conference brought together ferry operators, municipal transportation agencies and public legislative and regulatory agencies to discuss collaborative implementation of ferry systems around the country. I participated on a panel with former WSF Directors Mike Thorne and Mike Anderson. We shared our observations on the challenges of operating the nation's largest ferry system.

#### **Problem discovered, addressed in drinking water at Ferries headquarters building**

On Wednesday we informed employees that nine of 22 water dispensers in our Seattle headquarters building at 2901 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue were discovered to have been incorrectly hooked up to the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system in September 2005 by Emerald City Water. This means water in those dispensers was "non-potable," or not necessarily suitable for drinking. The dispensers were immediately disconnected upon this discovery. Initial tests indicated the water contained higher levels of nitrites than the Environmental Protection Agency standard. A second, more rigorous sampling will be performed this week, with results expected in six weeks. We will have a toxicologist available next week at the 2901 building to speak with interested employees. More information about nitrites is available on the EPA website at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/basicinformation/nitrite.cfm>.

#### **Motorcycle traffic for Oyster Run may cause delays**

A reminder that the annual Oyster Run motorcycle rally is occurring this Sunday in Anacortes, so expect heavy motorcycle traffic and loading delays all weekend on the Anacortes/San Juan Islands, Mukilteo/Clinton and Port Townsend/Coupeville (Keystone) routes. Visit our bulletins page for more details: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/commuter\\_updates/index.cfm?fuseaction=bulletins](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/commuter_updates/index.cfm?fuseaction=bulletins).

#### **Salish scheduled to be rolled out of construction hall**

Construction is progressing well on the second Kwa-di Tabil class vessel, the Salish. The vessel is scheduled to be rolled out of the construction hall at Todd Pacific Shipyards in Seattle on Saturday, Oct. 2. You can view construction photos of the Salish at [www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157623767660087/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157623767660087/). The Salish is scheduled to be completed next spring, and after several weeks of trials and training will join the Chetzemoka on the Port Townsend/Coupeville (Keystone) route.

#### **Advertising update**

Riders on the Seattle/Bainbridge route may have noticed a new advertising campaign for Nautica beginning last week. That campaign will net WSF \$6,300. Other campaigns currently running include Hawaii Tourism, Sound Transit and Cadillac. WSF took in \$325,000 in revenue from advertising in fiscal year 2010.

**Next Week:**

- WSDOT/WSP annual meeting

David Moseley's weekly reports are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division Web site at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly).

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